

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Claims 11-18 are withdrawn from consideration with this response. Examination of the application is respectfully requested.

I. RESTRICTION TO THE CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

The claims were restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as being directed to multiple distinct inventions. More particularly, the claims were restricted as follows: Group I (claims 1-10) allegedly directed to multiple computer communication using cryptography, and Group II (claims 11-18), allegedly directed to access control or authentication regarding security protocols. ***Applicants respectfully elect Group I (claims 1-10) with traverse.***

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement because the characterization of Group II appears to be incorrect. Claim 11 of Group II is directed to a single integrated circuit comprising a security system that comprises two security processors for performing transmit IPSec processing in parallel. The characterization of Group II in the Office Action, asserting that Group II is directed to access control appears to be vague and not accurate in view of the claim language. Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that inclusion of claims 11-18 with claims 1-10 will not require multiple searches or present an undue burden to the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

II. CONCLUSION.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account Number 50-1733, AMDP751US.

Respectfully submitted,
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